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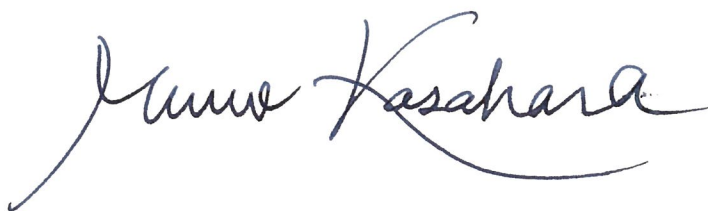
I am writing this letter to ensure that Dr. Kei Sakamoto is a former trainee in our residency program so he can apply for an IPTA 2023: IPTA Congress Scientific Award for young investigators.

Dr. Sakamoto completed a PGY5 level training program in pediatrics at National Center for Child Health and Development, Tokyo, Japan on March 31, 2022.

Our center, which is the only government-owned tertiary children's hospital, cares for a large number of children who will undergo or who have already undergone solid organ transplantation and who suffer from infectious diseases.

Dr. Sakamoto was engaged in a research project to investigate the clinical features of HHV-6 DNA-emia in pediatric LT recipients to correlate their clinical outcomes. He found the unique HHV-6 DNAemia etiology in pediatric LT recipients under 2 years old age, which is completely distinct from that in older recipients. I believe this qualifies him to be an IPTA 2023: IPTA Congress Scientific Award for young investigators.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification.



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